# SPIRITUAL POWER

### SAMSON'S FALL THE SUBJECT OF DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON!

Physicial and Moral Giants Should Use Their Power in Deing Good-Misguided Strength May Work Great Evil-Christ Our Companion

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Taking the exciting story of Samson's fall as a suggestion, Dr. Talmage in this discourse shows how glants in body and mind or soul ought to be consecrated to good and great purposes. His text is Judges xiv, 1, "And Sampson went down to Timnath."

There are two sides to the character if followed into the particulars, would administer to the grotesque and mirthful. But there is a phase of his character fraught with lessons of solemn and eternal import. To these graver lessons we devote our sermon. This giant no doubt in early life gave evimost always so. There were two Napoleons-the boy Napoleon and the man Napoleon-but both alike: two How-Howard-but both alike; two Samsons-the boy Samson and the man was no doubt the hero of the playground, and nothing could stand before his exhibitions of youthful prowess. At 18 years of age he was betrothed to the daughter of a Philistine. Going down toward Timnath a lion came upon him, and, although this young giant was weaponless, he seized the monster by the long mane and shook him as a hungry hound shakes a March hare and made his bones crack, and left him by the wayside bleeding under the smiting of his fist and the grinding heft of his heel.

There he stands, looming up above other men, a mountain of flesh, his arms bunched with muscles that can lift the gate of a city, taking an attitude of defiant of everything. His hair had never been cut, and it rolled down in seven great plaits over his shoulders God. Philip Doddridge, advised by his ror. The Philistines want to conquer him, and therefore they must find out where the secret of his strength lies.

WILES OF DELILAH.

ilah. They appoint her the agent in anthropic enterprises that demanded the case. The Philistines are secreted the greatest endurance and persistance. in the same building, and then Delilah Robert Hall, suffering excruciations. erless." So she binds him with the almost any well man in his day. though they were no impediment. She While there are achievements for those "They come the Philistines." He walks to be giants in soul. out as easily as he did before-not a Behold also in the story of my text single obstruction. She coaxes him illustration of the damage that again, and he says, "Now, if you strength can do if it be misguided It should take these seven long plaits of seems to me that this man spent a hair and by this house loom weave great deal of his time in doing evil, them into a web, I could not get away." this Samson of my text. To pay a So the house loom is rolled up, and the shuttle flies backward and forward, and the long plaits of hair are woven into a web. Then she claps her hand and says, "They come-the Philistines!" He walks out as easily as he did before, dragging a part of the loom with him.

But after awhile she persuaded him to tell the truth. He says, "If you should take a razor or shears and cut off this long hair, I should be powerless and in the hands of my enemies." Samson sleeps and that she may not wake him up during the process help is called in. You know that the barbers of the east have such a skillful way of manipulating the head to this very day that instead of waking up a sleeping man they will put a man wide awake sound asleep. I hear the blades of the shears grinding against each other, I see the long locks falling off. The shears or razor accomplishes what green withes and new ropes and house loom could not do. Suddenly she clasps her hands and says,"The Philistines be upon thee, Sampson!" He rouses up with a struggle, but his strength is all gone. He is in the hands of his enemies.

I hear the groan of the giant as they take his eyes out, and then I see him staggering on in his blindness, feeling his way as he goes on toward Gaza. The prison door is open, and the giant is thrust in. He sits flown and puts his hand on the mill clank, which with exhausting horizontal motion, goes day after day, week after week, month after month-work, work, work. The consternation of the world in captivity, his locks shorn, his eyes punctured, grinding corn in Gaza.

PHYSICAL AND MORAL POWER. ploys its summers in spinning out silkthe text that physical power is not al- | the most learned man of his day, mara huge man. The lion found it out, leading them out in the dark land of and the 3,000 men whom he slew found infidelity, or Gibbon, who showed an It out. Yet he was the subject of petty uncrotrolfable grudge against religion revenges and out gianted by low pas- in his history of one of the most fassion. I am far from throwing any dis- cinating periods of the world's exiscredit upon physical stamina. There tence-the "decline and fall of the Roare those whom seem to have great ad- man Empire," a book in which, with all miration for delicacy and sickliness of the splendors of this genius, he magconstitution. I never could see any nified errors of Christian disciples, glory in weak nerves or sick headache, while, with a sparseness of notice that Whatever effort in our day is made to never can be forgiven he treated of make the men and women more robust | the Christian heroes of whom theworld should have the favor of every good was not worthy? citizen as well as of every Christian. Gymnastics may be positively religious.

Good people sometimes ascribe to a wicked heart that they ought to ascribe to a slow liver. The body and the soul are such near neighbors that they often catch each other's diseases. Those who never saw a sick day, and who, like Hercules, show the giant in the cradle, have more to answer for than those who are the subjects of lifelong infirmities. He who can lift twice as much as you can and walk twice as far and work twice as long will have a double account to meet in the judgment.

## DO SOMETHING.

How often is it that you do not find physical energy indicative of spiritual than one dizzy with perpetual vertigo, Dagon about Sampson's ears. And pired. It seems as if no man could

them are worth more than thosedrawn up in chronic rheumatics, if an eye quick to catch passing objects is better | me that it is high time that pulpit and | glimpse. In the description of that day than one with vision dim and uncertain, then God will require of us efficiency just in proportion to what he has given us. Physical energy ought say: "Better not speak. You will to be a type of moral power. We ought to have a good digestion of truth as we have capacity to assimilate food. Our spiritual hearing ought to be as good as our physical hearing. Our spiritual taste ought to be as clear as our tongue. Samsons in body, we ought

to be giants in moral power. But while you find a great many men who realize that they ought to use their money aright and use their intelligence aright, how few men you find aware of the fact that they ought to use their physical organism aright! With every thump of the heart there is something saying, "work, work!" and lest we should complain that we have no tools to work with, God gives of Samson. The one phase of his life, us our hands and feet, with every knuckle, and with every joint, and with every muscle, saying to us, "lay

hold and do something." But how often is it that men with physical strength do not serve Christ! They are like a ship full manned and full rigged, capable of vast tonnage, able to endure all stress of weather, yet swinging idly at the docks, when these dence of what he was to be. It is al- men ought to be crossing and recrossing the great ocean of human suffering and sin with God's supplies of mercy. How often it is that physical strength is used in doing positive damage or in ards-the boy Howard and the man luxurious ease when, with sleeves rolled up and bronzed bosom, fearless of the shafts of opposition, it ought to be Samson-but both alike. This giant laying hold with all its might and tugging away to lift up this sunken wreck of a world.

A SHAMELESS FACT. It is a most shameless fact that much of the business of the church and of the world must be done by those comparatively invalid. Richard Baxter, by reason of his diseases, all his days sitting in the door of the tomb, yet writing more than a hundred volumes and sending out an influence for God that will endure as long as the "Saints' Everlasting Rest." Edward Payson, never knowing a well day, yet how he preached, and how he wrote, helping thousands of dying souls like himself to "swim in a sea of glory." And Robert M'Cheyne, a walking skeleton, yet you know what he did in Dundee, and friends, because of his illness, not to enter the ministry, yet you know what he did for the "rise and progress of religion" in the church and in the world.

Wilberforce was told by his doctors There is a dissolute woman living in that he could not live a fortnight, yet the valley of Sorek of the name of Del- at that very time entering upon philgoes to work and coates Samson to so that often in his pulpit while preach tell what is the secret of his strength. ing he would stop and lie down on a "Well," he says, "if you should take sofa, then getting up again to preach seven green withes, such as they fas- about heaven, until the glories of the ten wild beasts with, and put them celestrial city dropped on the multiaround me I should be perfectly pow- tude, doing more work perhaps than

seven green withes. Then she claps! Oh, how often it is that men with her hands and says, "They come-the great physical endurance are not so Philistines!"and he walks out as great in moral and spiritual stature! coaxes him again and says," Now tell who are bent all their days with sickme the secret of this great strength," ness - achievements of patience, and he replies, "If you should take achievements of Christian endurancesome ropes that has never been used I call upon men of health today, men and tie me with them, I should be just of muscles, men of nerve, men of phylike other men." She ties him with the sical power, to devote themselves to ropes, claps her hands and shouts, the Lord. Giants in body, you ought

bet which he had lost by guessing of him shall have his dying pangs allevihis riddle he robs and kills 30 people. He was not only gigantic in strength, but gigantic in mischief and a type of those men in all ages of the world who powerful in body or mind or any faculty of social position or wealth, have

## MISGUIDED GIANTS.

houses assailing Christ and the Bible foot. But it is the giants of the day. the misguided giants, giants in physior giants in social position, or giants this physical organism. in wealth, who do the damage. The These invalids have comparatively and throw their poison all through our could not lift 20 pounds. They could literature; the men who use the power not walk half a mile without sitting of wealth to sanction iniquity, and down to rest. In preparation of this bribe justice, and make truth and hon- subject I have said to myself. How the middle and latter part of the last one moment of real sickness? Rising century no doubt there were thousands up in judgment, standing beside men of men in Parisand Edinburg and Lon- and women who had only little don who hated God and blasphemed physical energy, and yet consumed did but little mischief. They were ious enthusiasm, how will we feel small men, insignificant men. Yet abashed. there were gian'ts in those days.

a Rousseau, going on with a very en- of your physical forces? Will you be natures of his day, or David Hume, talent, whether it were a physical enwho employed his life as a spider em-First of all, behold in this giant of en webs to trap the unwary, or Voltarie ways an index of moral power. He was shaling a great host of skeptics, and

BAD INFLUENCES ABROAD.

Oh, men of stout physical health, men of great mental statue, men of high social position, men of great power of any sort, I want you to under- his arms and kisses her. "Well done. stand your power and I want you well done, faithful servant; enter thou to know that your power devoted to into the joy of thy Lord." What, then, God will be a crown on earth, to you typical of a crown in heaven, but misguided, bedraggled in sin, administrative of evil. God will thunder against you with his condemnation in the day when millionaire and pauper, master and slave, king and subject, shall stand side by side in the judgment, and money bags, and fudicial ermine, and royal robe shall be riven with the lightings! Below also how a giant may be slain! Delilah started the train of circumpower! If a clear head is worth more stances that pulled down the temple of health of Robert Pollock, and he ex-

if muscles with the play of health in tens of thousands of giants have gone have such a glimpse of the day for down to death and hell through the same impure fascinations. It seems to platform and printing press speak out against the impurities of modern society. Fastidiousness and prudery rouse up adverse criticism. You will make worse what you want to make better. Better deal in glittering generalities. The subject is too delicate for polite ears." But there comes a voice from heaven overpowering the mincing sentimentalities of the day. saying, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgression and the house of Jacob their sins."

The trouble is that when people write or speak upon this theme they are apt to cover it up with the graces of belies lettres, so that the crime is made attractive instead of repulsive. Lord Byron in 'Don Juan' adorns this crime until it smiles like a May queen, Michelet, the great French writer, covers it up with bewitching rhetoric until it glows like the rising sun, when it ought to be made loathesome as a smallpox hospital. There are today influences abroad which, if unresisted by the pulpit and the printing press, will turn our modern cities into Sodom and Gomorrah, fit only for the storm of fire and brimstone that whelmed the cities of the plain.

### A GULF OF INIQUITY.

You who are seated in your Christian homes, compassed by moral and religious restraints, do not realize the gulf of iniquity that bounds you on the north and the south and the east and the west. While I speak there are tens of thousands of men and women going per cent guaranteed on seventy five over the awful plunge of an impure life, and while I cry to God for mercy upon their souls. I call upon you to marshal in the defense of your homes, your church and your nation. There is a banqueting hall that you have never heard described. You know all about the feast of Ahasuerus, where a thousand lords sat. You know all about Belshazzar's carousal, where the blood of the murdered king spurted into the faces of the banqueters. You may know of the scene of riot and wassail when there was set before Esopus one dish of food that cost \$400,-000. But I speak now of a different banqueting hall. Its roof is fretted with fire. Its floor is tessellated with fire. Its chalices are chased with fire. Its song is a song of fire. Its walls are buttresses of fire. Solomon refers to it when he says, "her guests are in the depths of hell."

ble and expire. The Samson of the text long ago went away. He fought the lion. He fought the Philistines. He could fight anything, but death was too much for him. He may have required a longer grave and a broader grave, but the tomb nevertheless was his terminus.

If, then, we are to be compelled to go out of this world where are we to go? This body and soul must soon part. What shall be the destiny of the former I know-dust to dust-but what shall be the destiny of the latter? Shall it rise into the companionship of the white robed, whose sins Christ has slain, or will it go down among the unbelieving, who tried to gain the world and save their souls, but were swindled out of both- Blessed be God, we have a champion! He is so styled in the Bible-a champion who has conquered death and hell, and he is ready to fight all our battles from the first to the last. "Who is this that cometh from Edom with dyed garments from Bozrah, mighty to save?" If we follow in the wake of that champion, death has no power and the grave no victory. The worst man trusting in

ated and his future illuminated. THINGS TO CONSIDER.

In the light of this subject I want to call your attention to the fact which may not have been rightly considered used their strength for iniquitious pur- by five men in all the world, and that is the fact that we, must be brought into judgment for the employment of our physical organism. Shoulder, It is no the small, weak men of the brain, hand, foot—we must answer in day who do the damage. These small judgment for the use we have made of men who go swearing and loafing about them Have they been used for the your stores and shops and banking elevation of society or for its depression? In proportion as our arm is and the church. They do not do the strong and our step elastic will our acdamage. They have no influence. They count at last be intensified. Thousands are vermin that you crush with your of sermons are preached to invalids, I to Mr. Carlisle, repudiated and disowncal power, or giants in mental acumen, God an account for the right use of the man who made \$20,000,000 out of the

men with sharp pens that stab religion little to account for perhaps. They or bow to their golden scepter. Mis- shall I account to God in judgment for guided giants. Look out for them. In the use of a body which never knew the name of the Almighty, but they that energy in a conflagration of relig-

Oh, men of the strong arm and the Who can calculate the soul havoc of stout heart, what use are you making thusiasm of iniquity, with a fiery im- able to stand the test of that day when agination seizing upon all the impulsive we must answer for the use of every ergy, or a mental acumen, or a spiritual power?

The day approaches and I see one who in this world was an invalid, and as she stands before the throne of God to answer she says: "I was sick all my days. I had but very little strength, but I did as well as I could in being kind to those who were more sick and more suffering." And Christ to a country that does not claim to be will say, "Well done, faithful servant." one-half the equal of this in civiliza-

A PROPHETIC DREAM. And then a little child will stand be-

fore the throne, and she will say: "On earth I had a curvature of the spine and I was very sick, but I used to gather flowers out of the wildwood and bring them to my sick mother, and she was comforted when she saw the sweet flowers out of the wildwood. I didn't do much, but I did something." And Christ shall say, as he takes her up in will be said to us-we to whom the lord gave physical strength and continuous health?

I said to an old Scotch minister who was one of the best friends I ever had, "Doctor, did you ever know Robert Pollock, the Scotch poet who wrote "The Course of Time?" "Oh, yes," he replied, "I knew him well. I was his 'classmate." (And then the doctor went on to tell me how that the writing of "The Course of Time" exhausted the for town.

which other days were made as Robert Pollock had and long survive that he says about other things:

Begin the woe, ye woods, and tell it to the doleful winds. And doleful winds wail to the howling

hills. And howling hills mourn to the dismal vales, And dismal vales sigh to the sorrowing

brooks, And sorrowing brooks weep to the weeping stream, And weeping stream awake the groan-

ing deep. Ye heavens, great archway of the universe, put sackcloath on. And, ocean, robe thyself in garb of widowhood

and utter it Long, foud, deep, piercing, dolorous, immense The occasion asks it-nature dies, and

angels come to lay her in her grave. What Robert Pollock saw in prophetic dream you and I wil see in positive reality-the judgment, the judgment!

#### The C. F. & Y. V. Matter The Fayetteville Observer of Monday

Besides the other matter printed by us on Friday, Saturday and today, we have the following telegram:

Baltimore, Md., December 13. Major E. J. Hale, Fayetteville, N. C.: Road leased to Seaboard Air Line. Four per cent guaranteed on A bonds, with bonus of four hundred dollars to first preferred stock per bond. Four per cent of present issue of B and C bonds, with bonus of six hundred dollars to first preferred stock. This contract is made by the Baltimore committe of bondholders provided they are the successful purchasers at foreclosure JOHN GILL, Receiver.

HOW THE MATTER STANDS. It will be remembered that Judge Simonton, some months ago, appointed Messrs. E. S. Martin and Clement Manly commissioners to sell the road in its entirety, and within a limited time designated. At the request of certain bondholders, Judge Simonton granted a re-opening and re-hearing of the case in Asheville, and later re-affirmed his former order. From this decision, the New York bondholders took an appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals, sitting at Richmond, Va. The was argued on November the 23rd. In the usual course, the decision of the latter court will not be handed Behold also this giant of the text down until the February term; from and in the giant of our own century which decision, again, an appeal may that great physical power must crum- be taken to the United States supreme

court. It will thus appear that a good deal of "lawing" (possibly, several years of it) has yet to be gone through with before the lease referred to by General can become operative; and, as will be seen from General Gill's telegram, this lease has "a string to it," viz: provided they [the Baltimore committeel are the successful purchasers at foreclosure sale."

The foregoing seems at this writing to be the bottom line of "the flurry" which has so agitated our people.

### Mr. Carlisle-Then and Now The Washington correspondent of The

Chicago Record says: "Ex-Secretary Carlisle has leased and vacated his residence, and has gone to New York to live, where he has been retained as attorney of several important corporations and syndicates. Mr. Pierpont Morgan, with whom the last government loan was negotiated by Mr.

Carlisle, is his principle employer." Mr. Carlisle may be "the exceeding honest poor man" his friends declare; he may have done nothing reflecting upon his integrity as an official in giving \$20,000,000 profit to J. Pierpont Morgan in the bond transaction; he may have done nothing improper when J. Pierpont Morgan's syndicate put in a bid just low enough to get nearly all the bonds when public sentiment forced an abandonment of the private bond deals. These things may have been free from official corruption, but many people will think that J. Pierpont Morgan is repaying Secretary Carlisle for the service he rendered Mr. Morgan, whereby he made a net profit of \$20,-000,000, which sum Secretary Carlisle could have saved to the people.

It is a great come down for Mr. Carlisle, from senior senator of Kentucky, enjoying the confidence of the people, preach this morning to stout men and ed by people who long delighted to healthful women. We must give to honor him, becoming the attorney of taxpayers by the favoritism of Cleveland and Carlisle.-Raleigh News and Observer.

## Down With the Traitors

Senator Pritchard is now endeavoring to further disgrace the state which, by his position alone, he represents in the endeaver to secure pensions for some traitors who claimed that they first served in the confederate army and afterward deserted and joined the Union army. This is about the only kind of business for which Pritchard seems to be eminently qualified.

Judging from the way in which the pension bureau has been conducting its affairs, no one can doubt but that a premium has been placed upon traitors | 6,132. and rascals along this line and the North Carolina Senator will no doubt experience but very little difficulty in securing a life premium on the heads of these cowardly and villainous traitors. The people of North Carolina ought to go off and soak their heads for permitting such an one to be elected senator and even Pritchard himself should shrink from the fact that he has a constituency of this character.

Such proceedings would be a disgrace tion. Away with such traitors and down with a senator who will be a party to any such proceedings.-Winston Journal.

## Postoffices Robbed

News reaches The Record that the postoffices at Ramseur and Cedar Falls were rifled by robbers last night. What the marauders carried off from the Cedar Falls office is not known. At Ramseur they captured \$30 in cash and \$90 in stamps.

A gentleman returning from church passed by the postoffice and seeing somebody inside called out, supposing he was hailing the postmaster. He was told to come in, which he did, and found himself in the presence of two masked men. At the point of a gun he was told to take a seat and remain there until they were through their business, which he did not hesitate about doing. The job being completed, the man was marched out of town for some distance and told to make tracks

There is on clue as to the identity of the burglars.—Greensboro Record.

# WILMINGTON MARKETS.

COTTON REPORT. Wilmington, N. C., December 15. Receipts of cotton today-4,094 bales. Receipts same day last year-1,198 bales This season's receipts to date-244,557 Receipts to same date last year-193,72

The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange, Ordinary...... 2 15-16 

NAVAL STORES. Spirits turpentine-Machine barrels firm at 30%c; country barrels firm at

And gather all thy waves into a groan Rosin firm at \$1.15 and \$1.20. Tar steady at \$1.05. Crude turpentine steady; hard \$1.40 ellow dip \$1.90; Virgin \$1.90. Prices same day last year-Spirits turpentine 24%c and 24%c; rison \$1.45 and \$1.50; tar \$1.10; crude turpentine \$1.40,

> \$1.80 and \$1.90. Receipts today-84 casks spirits turpentine, 481 barrels rosin, 214 barrels tar, 38 barrels crude turpentine. Receipts same day last year-81 casks spirits turpentine, 470 barrels rosin, 481 barrels tar, 57 barrels crude turpentine.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Peanuts-North Carolina. prime 55@60c per bushel; extra prime, 65c; fancy 721/2c. Virginia-Extra prime, 40@45c. Rice-Uplands, 65@80c; lowlands, \$1.10@

Corn-4714@50c. North Carolina Bacon-Hams, 10@11c; shoulders, 6061/2c; sides, 71/208c. Chickens-Dull; spring 10@18c; hens 8/25c; roosters, 18/22c. Turkeys, (live), 7c to 10c per pound. Eggs-Dull at 17c.

Shingles-Per 1,000 five inch, hearts and saps, \$1.05@2.10; six inch, \$2.50@3.50, Timber at \$3.00 to \$8.00 per 1,000 feet.

# MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

FINANCIAL. New York, December 15 .- Money on call firmer at 2014 per cent.; last loan at 31/2 per cent.; closed at 3@31/2 per cent; prime mercantile paper 364 per cent.; sterling exchange easy with actual business in bankers bills at \$4.85% for demand and at \$4.82%@4.82% for sixty days; posted rates \$4.83\\@4.84 and \$4.86\\@4.87; commercial bills \$4.821/2; silver certificates 571/20581/4; bar silver 57; Mexican dollars 451/2; government bonds easier; state bonds dull; railroad bonds steady.

STOCKS.

Atchison...... 131/2 W. & L. E..... 2 ......... 13 W. & L. E., pre 10 Ches. & Ohio..... 221/8 Adams Ex.. .... 156 Chic. & Alton....162 | American Ex ..115 Chic., B. & O..... 99% United States .. Del. & Hudson...1114 Wells Far.. ....115 Del., & L. W.....154 | Am. Cot. Oil.... 22% Fort Wayne.....170 Am Cot Oil, pre 751/2 Illinois Central...10414 Am. Tobacco ... 87 & N...... 57% Am. Tobac, pre.111 Manhattan L....102% People's Gas ... 96% Mobile & Ohio... 29 | Con. Gas.... ....175 N. J. Central.... 88% Gen. Electric ... 33% Reading...... 22 Pacific Mail .... 30 Southern Ry..... 938 Pullman Pal ...173 South. Ry., pre., 33% Silver Cer., ..., 571/2 Wabash, pre.... 1814 West. Union ... 901/2

BONDS. U. S. N. 4's reg. 129% L. & N. Un 4's. . 86% U. S. N. 4's cou..12938 Missouri 6's.. ..100 U. S. 4's reg.....113 N. J. Cen. 6's...112 U. S. 4's cou.....114½ N. Caro. 6's.....120 S. 2's...... 991/2 N. Caro. 4's.....103 . S. 5's reg.....114½ Pa. 6's, of '95....102% U. S. 5's cou.....1141/2 S. Caro. non-fu. 1/2 Ala. Class A..... 108 | South. Ry ... ... 943/ Ala. Class B..... 108 | Tenn N set 3's.. 914 Ala. Class C.....100 Union Pa. 1's...102% Ala. Currency... 99 | Va. Cen.... 681/2 La. N. con 4's...101 | Va. deferred ... 31/2

Liverpool, December 15.-4 p. m.-Cotton .- Spot in fair demand; prices firm; American middling fair 3 19-32d; good middling 3 11-32d; American middling 3 7-32d; low middling 3 1-16d; good ordinary 2 15-16d; ordinary 2%d. The sales of the day were 12,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 11,300 American; receipts 34,000 bales, including 25,000 American. Futures opened quiet with a moderate demand and closed barely steady.

American middling, low middling clause: December 3 9-64d buyers; December and January 3 9-64d buyers; January and February 3 9-64d sellers; February and March 3 9-64@3 10-64d sellers; March and April 3 10-64d buyers; April and May 3 11-64d buyers; May and June 3 12-64@ 3 13-64d sellers; June and July 3 13-640 @3 14-64d buyers; July and August 3 14-64@ 3 15-64d buyers: August and September 3 15-64@3 16-64d buyers; September and October 3 16-64@3 17-64d buyers; October and November 3 17-64@3 18-64d buyers. New York, December 15 .- Cotton quiet: middling 5%c; net receipts 2,933; gross receipts 7,381; exports to Great Britain 1.391; to the continent 455; forwarded 2,833; sales 107, all spinners; stock 94,132. Total today: Net receipts 70,492; exports to Great Britain 31,204; to the continent 24,697; stock 1,128,049.

Consolidated: Net receipts 274,293; exports to Great Britain 62,974; to France 12.973: to the continent 101,669 Total since September 1st: Net receipts 4,726,578; exports to Great Britain 1,487 -657; to France 423,342; to the continent

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed dull; sales 85,300 bales: January 5.69; February 5.72; March 5.76; April 5.80; May 5.85; June 5.90; July 5.94; August 5.98; September 5.97; October 6.00; December 5.67. Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 5%c; middling gulf 6%c; sales 107

## PORT RECEIPTS.

Galveston-Steady at 5 7-16c; net receipts 18,241. Norfolk-Steady at 51/2c; net receipts

Boston-Quiet at 5%c; net receipts 3,231; gross receipts 5,444. Wilmington-Firm at 5%c; net receipts Philadelphia-Quiet at 61/sc; net receipts 242; gross receipts 446. New Orleans-Steady at 61/4c; net receipts 15.972.

Savannah-Quiet at 5 3-16c; net receipts Mobile-Quiet at 5 3-16c; net receipts Memphis-Steady at 51/4c; net receipts 4.599; gross receipts 5,202. Augusta-Firm at 51/2c; net receipts

Charleston-Steady at 5 3-16c; net receipts 3,074. Cincinnati-Quiet at 51/2c; net receipts Louisville-Steady at 5 5-16c. St. Louis-Quiet at 5 5-16c; net receipts

Houston-Steady at 5 7-16c; net receipt GRAIN AND PROVISION. Chicago. December 15 .- The leading fu tures were as follows:

Open. High. Low. Clos.

1,223; gross receipts 8,833.

Wheat-

December ..... January ...... 911/4 May ..... Corn-December ..... 25% January ...... May ..... December .... May ..... Mess pork, per bbl-December ....-January ..... 8.421/2 May ..... 8.621/2 8.521/s 8.771/s 8.6214 Lard, per 100 lbs-467% May ..... 1.00

Short ribs, per 100 lbs-January ..... 4.30 4.35 May ...... 4.42½ 4.50 4.40 4.47½ Cash quotations were as follows: Flour easy; No. 2 yellow corn, 26%c; No. 2 spring wheat, 88689c; No. 3 spring wheat, 82690c; No. 2 corn, 26%c; No. 2 corn, 26%c; No. 2 oats, 22%c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 23623%c; mess pork, per bbl., \$7.5067.55; lard, per 100 lbs., 34.4564.50; short ribs sides, loose, \$4.27%6 4.62%; dry salted shoulders, boxed, \$4.564.50; 4.75; short clear sides, boxed, \$4.4564.65; whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, \$1.19.

New York, December 15.-Flour market continued very quiet at steadier prices. City mill patents \$5.65@5.85; winter patents \$4.8065.10; city mill clears \$5.4065.50. Wheat-Spot firm; No. 2 red \$34 f. o. b. afloat. Options opened easy under local offerings, rallied on French cables, small northwestern receipts and cold weather west, holding firm all day and closing at 16140 net higher on a late scare among shorts. January closed at 97c; May 934c; December 97%c. Corn-Spot firm; No. 2 34%c f. o. b.

afloat. Options opened steady and advanced on light receipts, firmer cables and the rise in wheat, closing unchanged to 4c net higher. December closed at 31%c: May 34%c. Oats-Spot quiet; No. 2 274c. Options quiet all day, closing unchanged. De-

ember closed at 27c; May 27%c. Pork-Steady. Lard-Dull. Eggs-Steady state and Pennsylvania 21@26c; western fresh 20@24c.

Cotton Seed Oil-Quiet. Rice-Steady. Coffee-Options opened steady at a net

advance of 10 to 20 points on cables reporting rumors of Santos' crop damage by drouth and higher European cables which made sellers scarce without increasing speculation; demand aimost entirely from shorts, buying checked by bag supplies and failure of Rio and Santos markets to reflect crop damage: closed steady at a net advance of 15 to 20 points; sales 16,250 bags, including December at \$5.75; May \$6.0506.10. Spot coffee —Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 65c; No. 7 jobbing 75c; mild, market dull; Cordova

Sugar-Raw, strong. NAVAL STORES. New York-Rosin steady. Turpentine firm at 33@331c. Charleston-Turpentine market firm at

30c; sales none. Rosin firm and unchanged: sales none. Savannah-Spirits turpentine firm at 30%c; sales 400 casks; receipts 667. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales none; receipts 3,535; sales were said to have been made at 5c advance on low grades.

### New York Stock Market

New York, December 15.-Today's market was largely professional and in the contest between the bulls and bears the former enlisted themselves under th banner of the coalers, and the latter made local traction stocks their main resources The fortunes of battle seemed to shift several times during the day and in the middle afternoon the bulls seemed to have gained a decisive advantage, the earlier market losses in some special stocks having been almost entirely whiped out and the bears apparently driven to cover. In the last hour of trading, however, a large number of loans were suddenly called and in replacing them the call loan rate stiffened sharply to 4 per cent., at which rate a large amount of money was placed. This induced liquidation, especially in stocks which yielded a profit on the day's advance. The bears, thus encouraged, renewed their attack on the specialties which had engrossed their attention all day and uncovered stop loss orders on the way down. As a consequence the tide of battle was turned completely and victory lay with the bears.

The scarcity of money is due to operations looking to the payment tomorrow of an instalment of about \$8,500,000 on the Union Pacific sale. The previous payment on this account, amounting to over \$29,000,000, have been left on deposit in New York banks, but tomorrow's payment will go direct in the treasury and be removed from the money market. Two additional payments of an equal amount remain to be made, one on December 27th and one on January 5th and this will also go directly into the treasury. The payment by the government on December 24th of the maturing Pacific bonds, which amount to over \$29,000,600, will be made by checks, presumably on the New York deposits to the government's credit. The movement of currency continues from New York this week, indicating a still further decline in New York cash reserve. The tone of sterling exchange was somewhat easier today, but did not respond in a marked degree to the harding of the money market. Time money for the shorter periods also stiffened apparently.

The early strength in today's stock market was aided by the rise in the price of coalers, due to reports of an agreement to restrict the output next year The Northern Pacific stocks were also centres of strength, the preferred advancing at one time 1% and the common nearly a point. Reports from London and the European bourses showed a good demand there for these stocks. Atchison preferred was also up over a point at one time. The rise above par of Burlington was a further feature. The resumption of the quarterly dividend of 1% on Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis preferred, after its omission for two quarterly periods, was a feature of the day. as was the 1 per cent. dividend in Southern preferred. Sugar was traded in, ex-dividend, and at one time during the day showed a recovery of onethird of the dividend, but in the later dealings it succumbed quite easily and lost over 2 points on the day. Norfolk and Western preferred, which was at one time nearly 3 points higher, shows a net gain of 1%.

The bond market was somewhat less active than of late and the active list was only about steady. Some of the high priced issues showed sharp advances. Missouri Pacific collateral 5' lost 3 per cent. Total sales were \$3. 100,000. United States new 4's decline %c bid. The total sales of stocks we 460,800 shares

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Greece Wast More Time

Constantinople, December 15.-The Greek government has requested a month's extension of the term fixed upon for ratifying the treaty of peace with Turkey. The members of the diplomatic corps are much surprised at this request and the Turkish officials declare that it is unwarranted and unacceptable.

Goldsboro Argus: His many friends among the confederate veterans throughopt the country will be glad to learn that Rev. Jacob Hill, of the Hood swamp section, is far recovering from the tinued ill health to which he has subjected for some time.